

YOUR PROBLEMS

by Ann Landers

"The Kids Want To Get Married . . ."

Dear Ann: Our only child is a son, 19. I don't want to be a mother-in-law. I want to be a mother to the girl Melvin marries. I had trouble with my mother-in-law for 30 years so I know what it's like.

Melvin has been going steady with a nice girl who is just 17. She hasn't finished school yet. He doesn't have a regular job. He works weekends at a garage and they may put him on full-time in the Fall.

The kids want to get married this summer and have asked us to set them up in housekeeping. For a wedding gift they want five rooms of furniture, including a stove, refrigerator and TV set.

My husband has worked hard all his life and we do have some money saved. We also own a little property but we are not rich. I'm against setting up the kids. My son says we are depriving him of his happiness, and the girl says we are "mean."

Last night when he presented his written list I blew my cork. He said, "What is money for? You can't take it with you."

May I have your views? — MEAN MOTHER

Dear Mother: Tell Melvin you can't take it with you but it's nice to have a little around while you're still here.

Parents who subsidize their teenage kids in marriage do them no favor. The kids merely get a distorted picture of what life is all about. When the sledging gets rough the emotional cripples lean on Pa and Ma and expect to be taken care of.

The biggest favor you can do your son is to tell him he can get married when he's able to support a wife and buy his own furniture.

(P.S. Who bought yours?)

Dear Ann: My husband and I both make about the same salary. He gives me his check and I pay the bills.

He has a second job which brings in a little extra. He uses a car for this job and I never see it. He wants to buy a new car and thinks I should help out with the payments.

We both want to do what's right, but we don't know what right is. Do you think I should help with the car payments, or should he buy this car himself? — ZITA

Dear Zita: Working couples who label money or belongings His and Hers, like bathroom towels, sooner or later run into trouble.

I am strongly in favor of pooling all the income; the less mine and thine the better.

Dear Ann Landers: My husband is overseas and I'm alone in our apartment. I quit my job a few months ago so I could spend as much time as possible with my mother who is very ill.

I have no interest in stepping out on my husband and have every intention of staying true to him. A vicious gossip who lives in this building has spread the word that she has heard someone leave my apartment very early in the morning, "several times a week."

I'm sure if she's heard anything it's my sister who sometimes spends the night with me after we visit mother in the hospital.

Shall I speak to her? How can I defend myself? — DEFAMED

Dear Defamed: Your character and good reputation speak more eloquently than anything you could say. Ignore the woman and don't dignify the gossip by acknowledging it.

Does almost everyone have a good time but you? If so, send for ANN LANDERS' booklet, "How to Be Well-Liked," enclosing your request 20 cents in coin and a large, self-addressed, stamped envelope.

(Ann Landers will be glad to help you with your problems. Send them to her in care of this newspaper enclosing a stamped, self-addressed envelope.)

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On East Coast

David Shilling, 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Shilling, 16126 Spinning Ave., is spending the summer with his grandparents, Dr. and Mrs. John Shilling, Sr., at their cottage at Bethany Beach, Delaware. David will be home about Oct. 20.



MRS. GARY MCKENZIE
... Former Diane Swanson
(Portrait by Seeman)

Diane Swanson Exchanges Vows with Gary McKenzie

Miss Diane Swanson was a lovely bride as she walked down the aisle of the First Baptist Church in Torrance at 2 o'clock on July 9 to plight her marriage vows with Gary L. McKenzie. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley A. Swanson, 2028 Gramercy Ave. Mrs. Fern Everett, 915 Cota Ave., is the mother of the bridegroom.

For her wedding, the bride chose a gown of Chantilly lace and tulle fashioned with a scalloped scoop neckline and long pointed sleeves. The Southern Belle skirt fell over yards of ruffled underskirts. The illusion veil was secured by a star pointed tiara and the bride carried a bouquet of white carnations and rosebuds. She was given in marriage by her father.

Miss Dorothy Swanson as the maid of honor, wore a gown of Romance blue chiffon over tulle and carried yellow carnations and rosebuds.

Bridesmaids were Misses Marion Kibler and Carol Zufall who wore Romance blue chiffon. Their bouquets were of yellow roses and carnations.

LeRoy Robinson was best man and ushers were Mike Cochran and Darel Kelly.

Rev. Robert Dehn officiated at the marriage ceremony. The nuptial music was played by Neil Black, at the organ, and Mike Powers was soloist.

A reception was held in Fellowship hall where the blue and white theme was carried out.

The newlyweds spent a honeymoon at Forest Lodge in Sequoia National Park. Their new address is 2189 Sepulveda Blvd.

Mr. and Mrs. McKenzie are both Torrance High graduates. Mrs. McKenzie continued her education at the Bible Institute in Los Angeles and Mr. McKenzie attended El Camino College.



PHYLLIS ANNE KAPPEN
... Accepts Ring
(Tak Isobe photo)

Phyllis Kappen's Troth To Robert Bailey Told

Mr. and Mrs. James D. Kappen, 3123 W. 180th Pl. announce the engagement of their daughter, Phyllis Anne, to Robert Nicholas Bailey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Bailey, Hass Ave., Torrance.

The wedding is planned for June 1961. The future bride and her fiancé were both graduated from North High school in 1960.

Miss Kappen was editor of the annual, president of the Art Club, and won the art scholarship given by the two Torrance Women's clubs. She will enter El Camino this fall.

Mr. Bailey is employed by Adstat in Hollywood.

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Judy Wolf Writes Her Impressions of India

Miss Judy Wolf, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Wolf, 21804 Halldale, has written of her first experiences in India, where this summer she and 14 other students of the Universities of California will visit India universities and become better acquainted with students of India. Judy left June 25 stopping in Washington, D.C., and several countries in Europe. The trip entitled "Project India" is sponsored by the University of Religious Conference and the State Department. The letter received this week by Judy's parents gives an interesting account of her impressions of India.

"Dear Ones, "Well, I have finally managed to sit down long enough to write. We are in Madras. We arrived after thirty two hours by train from Bombay. The other team left for Kerala the night before last. Yesterday I spent the day in bed — some weird bug bit me. I just ran a very high fever with chills but today I feel great.

India is certainly a strange country. As we were landing in Bombay, I received my first glimpse of India. The land divisions looked like giant cobblestones. Some were green and others adobe red. It was raining and the pilot announced a forty mile an hour wind — MONSOON. The airport workers came toward the plane as they had everywhere only these workers were barefoot and were scantily dressed. One of them stood at the door to spray us with bug killer.

People from the United States Information Service greeted us and pictures were taken. BOMBAY — filth, people, bugs, rain and heat! People were literally packed in this city — sleeping in the street, cemeteries, and on roof tops. It all seemed rather grim at first. My stomach did flip flops but still my eyes widened in order that I might see everything. Our hotel was very nice and it was a relief to sleep in a bed. The manager practically adopted Karen and me. The food was safe only we ate mutton instead of beef — no "holy cows!"

The manager took us for a tour around Bombay. We saw the Hanging Gardens which had several bushes shaped like animals. We also saw the "silent tower" where the Parcees, a religious sect, put their dead for the vultures to feed upon. We spent one day at the USIS for further briefing on current situations and for any questions. There was a reception given in our honor by the Student leaders of Bombay. This was really my first opportunity to speak with the Indian student. It was surprisingly easy. They are delightful

people with very sincere concern for their country. We also had a meeting with the Mayor of Bombay, the Vice-Chancellor of Bombay University, and the Press Guild of Bombay. I met several people of the Indian Press whom I really felt were very intelligent. Mr. Rau, editor of one of the magazines, talked to me for a long while and later came to the train station to see me off. He is touring the United States next year and plans to see me in Santa Barbara. He wants me to write an article on my impressions of India.

Coming through India on the train, I really was able to see the inside of India. It seemed strange to be the "peculiar." Everyone stared at us through the windows. I saw some of the worst deformities and poverty that I have ever seen or hope to see again. Little children wearing no clothes and many old people wearing little more. We were served dinner but I wasn't hungry so I wrapped most of the food and gave it to a blind woman and her baby who were begging at the window. I think we were the only ones who ordered anything to eat on the whole train. I saw everyone taking the remains off the trays when we returned them.

In Madras, we are staying at the YWCA. It is a lovely place and Miss Rosario, the lady in charge, looked after me all during my fever. We have met the Consul General and have had one reception. Yesterday the team went on a picnic but I missed it. Next week is filled with visits to the Universities.

There is one thing which impressed me most since arriving in India and that is appreciation of life. It seems almost impossible that people, living under these conditions could find any reason for wanting to live and yet they do.

I wish I could share everything with you more than is possible with letters — all the excitement, depressions and exhilarations . . .

Write soon. I miss you all! Love always, JUDY"

Pre-Nuptial Shower For Bride-Elect

Miss Carol FitzGerald, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert P. FitzGerald, 452 Via Los Miradores, Hollywood Riviera, bride-elect of James P. Beecher, was complimented at a bridal shower at the home of Mrs. John E. Ogle in Long Beach.

Pastel colored flowers, pink candles and a large white cake inscribed with "Carol and Jim" decorated the table. Bringing gifts for the future bride were Meses. Leo Crane, William Blaine, Richard Ludwig, Richard Smith, Walter James, Harold Atherly, John Ogle, W. P. FitzGerald and Hamilene Shaler.

Others were Rose Murphy, Lois Christensen, Grace O'Brien, Barbara FitzGerald, and Misses Susie Atherly, Josie Puetz, Amber Unruh and Charlene Mundell.

Miss FitzGerald will be married to the son of Mr. and Mrs. William E. Beecher of Pittsburgh, Pa., on Sept. 3 at the St. Lawrence Martyr Catholic Church.

Edw. Rafaels Will Teach In Germany

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Rafael of Hollywood Riviera, who have been teaching in the Torrance Unified School district, will leave by plane Aug. 1 for Germany, where they will teach for two years in the Army Dependents school there. Mrs. Rafael is the former Marca Wright, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Wright, 1532 El Prado Ave.

Last evening, Mr. and Mrs. Rafael entertained at a family dinner at their home. With them were Mrs. Rafael's parents and her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Helfrich of Hollywood.

On Sept. 9, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Wright will leave for a tour of Europe and will visit their daughter in Germany.

Houseguests

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph J. Boylan, 2714 Grand Summit Rd. have had as their guests for the past three weeks Mr. Boylan's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph P. Boylan and his sister, Miss Myledred Marceley of Syracuse, N. Y.

During their stay, trips were made to many of the places of interest in the Southland. The senior Mrs. Boylan and Miss Marceley are both school teachers and they and their hostess attended the TEAC luncheon and were taken on a tour of the Educational Supplies Bldg., South High school and the Hillside Elementary school.

A dinner party was also given by their hosts at the Polynesian when the family was joined by a group of friends.

Leaving Thursday morning, the New Yorkers planned to visit Carmel, San Francisco, Yosemite and other national parks enroute to their home.

Kneislars On 9,500 Mile Trip

Mr. and Mrs. Frank P. Kneisler, 1008 Amapola, returned last Friday from a 9,500 mile vacation trip. Leaving in May, the travelers drove south to Texas and Louisiana and on through the deep south to Florida. They visited friends in St. Petersburg. Historical places of Florida provided diversion for several weeks. Heading north, they went to Independence, Mo., where they visited with relatives for a month. The return trip was routed through Nebraska north to Wyoming with interesting stops along their route to California.

Weekend Guests

Mr. and Mrs. William Kesselman and sons, Michael and Dennis of San Diego are spending the weekend here with Mrs. Kesselman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Speck on Acacia Ave. and Mr. Hesselman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kesselman in North Hollywood.



MRS. GORDON HARRISON
... Recent Bride
(William Figge photo)

Hanover-Harrison Vows Are Read in Presbyterian Rite

Miss Patricia Hanover, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Hanover, 2256 Sunny-side Ridge Rd., Rolling Hills, became the bride of Gordon Harrison, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Harrison of La Puente in a formal wedding on June 25 at 2 o'clock at the St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Redondo.

Rev. Paul Cox, pastor, stood before a candlelighted flower banked altar to officiate at the marriage.

Mr. Hanover walked with his daughter to the altar and gave her in marriage. She wore a gown of white taffeta with a lace yoke embroidered with sequins and seed pearls. The full skirt fell into a chapel train. A pearl tiara held the fingertip illusion veil and the bride carried a bouquet of white orchids and stephanotis.

Miss Laurelyn Hanover was the maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Mrs. James Bancroft, Mrs. Glenn Souza and Miss Marjorie Tozer. All were gowned in orchid organza and carried pink carnations.

Miss Linda Hanover in pink organza was junior bridesmaid, and ushers were Tony Longo, Fred Doty, Walter Burke, and Robert Hanover.

A reception was held at the Hacienda in San Pedro. Mrs. Robert DuBois was in charge of the guest book.

The couple spent a honeymoon in northern California and are now at home in Redondo Beach.

The bride was graduated from the Bishop Johnson College of Nursing at the Good Samaritan hospital.

Her husband is a member of the Los Angeles Police Academy.

Montana Trip

Mrs. Arthur Bordley and sons, Arthur, Jeff and Bill, 16815 Kornblum Ave., returned by jet last Thursday from a two weeks visit in Billings, Montana, where they were guests of Mrs. Bordley's three sisters and their families. They were accompanied home by Mrs. Bordley's niece, Cynthia Sporrer, who will spend the summer here.

Soucie-Ratliff Wedding Solemnized at St. John's

Baskets of white gladioli and chrysanthemums decorated the St. John's Episcopal Church in Wilmington on July 16 for the one o'clock wedding uniting in marriage Miss Jeanette Marie Soucie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward N. Soucie, 2055 255th St., Lomita and Leroy Ratliff. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell W. Ratliff of South Shores, Kentucky.

The Rev. Douglas B. Northrop officiated at the double ring marriage ceremony. For her wedding the bride wore a gown of French tulle and Chantilly lace. Sequins and pearls outlined the square neckline of the fitted bodice. From the waistline to the hem of the skirt was a panel of lace. The back of the bouffant skirt was fashioned of tiers of tulle ruffles. The fingertip illusion veil fell from a pearl and sequin crown and the bride carried a bouquet of white carnation and lilies of the valley encircling white orchids.

Mrs. Lyle Morris was the matron of honor wearing pastel green chiffon and carrying a Colonial bouquet of yellow carnations.

A reception was held in the parish hall and the newlyweds spent a honeymoon in Mexico before going to Pasco, Wash. to make their home. The bride attended Narbonne High school. Her husband was graduated from McKell High in Kentucky and the Interstate Business College in Portsmouth, Ohio.



MRS. LEROY RATLIFF
... Weds Kentuckian
(Stanford Photo)